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**LINCOLN COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL OXYCODONE CHARGES**

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Richard S. Slone, 61, of West Hamlin, Lincoln County, West Virginia pleaded guilty on Monday before United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers to distribution of oxycodone. On January 21, 2010, a confidential informant working with the Huntington Violent Crimes and Drug Task Force, made a telephone call to the defendant to arrange the purchase of two 80-milligram oxycodone tablets. Following the arranged transaction, Slone admitted to selling the two pills to a confidential informant in exchange for \$160 at the American Legion Post in Hamlin. Slone admitted to distributing a total estimated quantity of 310 80-milligram oxycodone pills.

Slone faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine when he is sentenced on June 13, 2011.

The investigation was conducted by the Huntington Violent Crimes and Drug Task Force. Assistant United States Attorney Greg McVey is in charge of the prosecution.

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